

**Ohio State University Libraries**  
**June 2006**  
**ALA Midwinter Round Robin**  
**ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries Group**

**Renovation of Thompson (Main) Library**

The move out of the Main Library is just about to begin with relocation of Rare Books to our Book Depository facility, where the collection can be housed in a secure and environmentally controlled space during the upcoming three-year renovation project. Relocation of the general collections to a nearby warehouse facility owned by OSU will occur later this summer after shelving has been installed. The majority of personnel will move out of Main Library in August and September. In preparation for the move, Cataloging Dept. personnel participated in an overtime project this spring to clear as many materials as possible out of the department. The Technical Services focus from now until the move will be primarily on current new receipts, with Public Services personnel being asked starting Aug. 1 to hold or box any materials that they would normally send to Technical Services for processing until after the move has been accomplished.

**Web-Based Acquisition/Serials Module Implementation**

Having spent considerable time converting acquisition and serial workflows to use the INNOPAC Web-based modules for those functions rather than the more familiar character-based system, Technical Services was well prepared for the late February installation of the new INNOPAC release that required them to use the Web modules. Unfortunately, however, the change continues to have a negative impact on productivity due to a combination of factors. We hope that relocation of Technical Services personnel during the renovation will result in a better network infrastructure that will allow for faster Web transactions. We also are continuing to work with Innovative Interfaces to resolve several systems issues, particularly concerning printing.

**E-books**

E-book licenses contain new problematic issues that have not yet been confronted in licenses for serials and databases. An *ad hoc* work group in Technical Services is discussing how to handle workflows for e-books.

**Electronic Resources Management**

OSU has agreed to work with Swets and Innovative Interfaces to test data exchange into our Electronic Resources Management module.

## **BIBCO**

Magda El-Sherbini, head of the Cataloging Dept., was appointed to the BIBCO/CONSER Operations Committee and attended its annual meeting in April. Her department is expanding NACO and BIBCO participation for Arabic and CJK materials.

## **OCLC Collection Analysis tool**

Through the CIC (i.e., Big Ten) consortium OSU obtained a one-year subscription to OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis tool. Several members of Technical Services took the lead in forming a small group to begin looking at the reports available for OSU to see how the data might be used to inform decision making.

## **Encoded Archival Description**

Two librarians at OSU led an OhioLINK task force in developing content guidelines for Encoded Archival Description (EAD) to establish base standards for all projects and to provide guidance for those who want to embrace the standard more fully. Use of EAD in OhioLINK is not yet widespread but there is growing interest in making finding aids for archival collections available online.

## **"Access and Infrastructure"**

Sally Rogers served on the planning committee for a CIC (i.e. Big Ten) invitational conference held at OSU in April. The conference, entitled "Access and Infrastructure: Navigating our Libraries in the New Information Landscape," focused on the impact of the changing information environment on technical services. James Mullins, dean of the Purdue University Libraries, served as moderator; and Carol Diedrichs, dean of the University of Kentucky Libraries, led two facilitated discussions by attendees following presentations by speakers David Weinberger, Carole Palmer, Frances Harris, Cathy De Rosa, Deidre Caldbeck (Endeca), Marty Kurth, and Robert Wolven.

## **New Responsibilities and Opportunities for Technical Services**

Tschera Connell, head of the Scholarly Resources Integration Dept., and her staff entered data into OSU:Pro, the developing campus expertise system, so that 2005 data on outreach and engagement accomplishments and awards/honors data for all OSU faculty would be available to deans for reporting purposes.

Due to her considerable knowledge of copyright and licensing issues, Trisha Davis, head of the Serials and Electronic Resources Dept., was asked to devote half of her time for the next year to serving as Rights Management Coordinator. Her work in this arena has a campus-wide focus and involves copyright / authors' rights awareness, intellectual property policy, and scholarly communication issues. The purpose of designating a one-year test period for the Rights Management Coordinator role is to allow for experimentation and investigation of how faculty needs in these developing areas can

best be met. This should help to clarify future directions and longer-term allocation of library resources. Trisha took the lead in working with two other library faculty members to prepare and submit a successful application for the ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication this July at UCLA. She is in the process of filling a Rights Specialist staff position in her department to assist in obtaining copyright permissions for e-reserves and for materials to be submitted to OSU's institutional repository.

### **Personnel**

Following the retirement of one of the Cataloging Dept. coordinators and in anticipation of future personnel needs in Technical Services, we successfully recruited for several positions using a single search process. Three faculty members hired for the positions of coordinator (supervisory), cataloger, and catalog/metadata librarian began work this spring.

Marsha Hamilton, head of the Monographs Dept., was awarded a twelve-week Special Research Assignment (SRA) to work on a book project that required some travel to consult primary sources. We were pleased to have one of our Diversity Resident Librarians, Deidra Herring, who had been working closely with Marsha for almost a year serve as acting head of the department to enable Marsha to be away.